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In re Application of  
STORZ (deceased) et al  
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For: ABRASIVE OR CUTTING INSTRUMENT

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This decision is in response to the "Filing of Missing Requirements" filed 16 July 1998 and "Submission of Original ... Letters Testamentary) with Apostille and Translation Thereof" filed 28 December 1998.

On 16 July 1998 applicants filed a declaration signed by two of the three inventors and by Sybill Storz-Reling as Executrix for Karl Storz, the deceased inventor.

On 28 December 1998, applicants filed an original Letters Testamentary with a n Apostille affixed there to, as well as a translation thereof, which shows that Sybill Storz-Reling is the Executrix for the deceased inventor Karl Storz.

The above application and papers have been reviewed and have been found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.42.

The papers filed under 37 CFR 1.42 and 1.44 are ACCEPTED.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Division of the Office of PCT Operations for preparation and mailing of the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating a date of 16 July 1998 under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 102(e).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leonard E. Smith".

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